

Application No. 09/613,085

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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An article of manufacture for use in a computer system for translating a non-Unicode character string stored in a memory of the computer system into a Unicode character string stored in the memory of the computer system, said article of manufacture comprising a computer-readable storage medium having a computer program embodied in said medium which causes the computer system to execute ~~the~~ method steps comprising:

retrieving a specification of a code page in which the non-Unicode character string is encoded;

retrieving a specification of a scope, the scope specifying a portion of a computer program subject to the translation; and

translating the non-Unicode character string into the Unicode character string according to the scope.

2. (Currently Amended) The article of manufacture of claim 1 wherein the scope is global, the global scope specifying that the translation applies to ~~the entire~~ an entirety of the computer program.

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3. (Currently Amended) The article of manufacture of claim 1 wherein the scope is local, the local scope specifying that the translation applies ~~the~~ to a subsequent portion of the computer program.

4. (Original) The article of manufacture of claim 1 wherein the scope is constant specific, the constant specific scope specifying that the translation applies only to a specific constant.

5. (Currently Amended) A method of translating a non-Unicode character string stored in a memory of a computer into a Unicode character string stored in the memory of the computer, said method comprising ~~the steps of:~~

retrieving a specification of a code page in which the non-Unicode character string is encoded;

retrieving a specification of a scope, the scope specifying a portion of a computer program subject to the translation; and

translating the non-Unicode character string into the Unicode character string according to the scope.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 5 wherein the scope is global, the global scope specifying that the translation applies to ~~the entire~~ an entirety of the computer program.

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7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 5 wherein the scope is local, the local scope specifying that the translation applies ~~the~~ to a subsequent portion of the computer program.

8. (Original) The method of claim 5 wherein the scope is constant specific, the constant specific scope specifying that the translation applies only to a specific constant.

9. (Currently Amended) A computer system for translating a non-Unicode character string stored in a memory of the computer system into a Unicode character string stored in the memory of the computer system, said computer system comprising:

a retrievable specification of a code page in which the non-Unicode character string is encoded;

a retrievable specification of a scope, the scope specifying a portion of a computer program subject to the translation; and

a translator for translating the non-Unicode character string into the Unicode character string according to the scope.

10. (Currently Amended) The computer system of claim 9 wherein the scope is global, the global scope specifying that the translation applies to ~~the entire~~ an entirety of the computer program.

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11. (Currently Amended) The computer system of claim 9 wherein the scope is local, the local scope specifying that the translation applies ~~the~~ to a subsequent portion of the computer program.

12. (Original) The computer system of claim 9 wherein the scope is constant specific, the constant specific scope specifying that the translation applies only to a specific constant.
